

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish propagation waters located in Northumberland County, Virginia.

All impaired segments are located wholly within Northumberland County with the exception of the Mill Creek segments, these are in part located in Westmoreland County. These areas are described in the following publications:

- 1) Growing Area 14 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Numbers 123, **Mill Creek & Cloverdale Creek**, effective 7 June 1996, 2 June 1997, 5 June 1998, 15 May 2001, 24 June 2002, 4 August 2004, and 17 May 2005 respectively.
- 2) Growing Area 15 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Numbers 22, **Dividing Creek and Prentiss Creek**, effective 27 February 1997, 17 February 1999, 25 February 1998, 17 June 1999, 21 April 2000, 1 May 2002, 25 April 2003, and 3 May 2005 respectively.
- 3) Growing Area 13 and 14 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Number 89 and 220, **Great Wicomico River**, effective 30 May 1996, 28 May 1997, 19 May 1999, 26 April 2000, 15 March 2001, 3 April 2002, 4 April 2003, 16 April 2004, and 4 March 2005.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ

to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the fecal coliform TMDL's has been re-scheduled for **January 26, 2006 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library**, located at 7204 Northumberland Hwy. in Heathsville, VA. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Directions can be obtained by calling Chris French at (804) 521-5124.

The public comment period will begin on January 26, 2006, and end at 5.p.m. on February 25, 2006. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chris French and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chris French, Department of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, Glen Allen, VA, 23060, telephone (804) 527-5124, Fax (804)-527-5106, or e-mail [rcfrench@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:rcfrench@deq.virginia.gov).